(c) and (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh was advised that if they desired they could continue distribution of onions through its PDS and NAFED would be willing to help out.

"Foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils" are listed at Sl. No. 3 of the Schedule to EC (Amendment) Act, 2006, as essential commodities.

FCI godowns

2776. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of godowns of the Food Corporation of India in the country place-wise and State-wise at present and the quantity of foodgrains stored therein;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains damaged in these godowns each year during the last three years, State-wise and place-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether these godowns are in poor condition; if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve their conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New stock wheat declaration order

2777. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a new stock wheat declaration order under which weekly filing of return is compulsory for anyone with cumulative buying of 50,000 tonnes of wheat in 2007-08 Rabi season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A notification titled "Wheat (Stock Declaration by Companies or Firms or Individuals) Order 2007' has been issued by the Department of Food & Public Distribution under the Essential Commodities Act 1955 on 1.3.2007. The Order provides that any Company or Firm or Individual who purchases wheat beyond 50,000 tonnes (total purchases made throughout the country) during the RMS 2007-08 shall furnish to the Central Government a return indicating the name/address of the company, quantity of wheat purchased and quantity held in stock. The return is to be submitted every week during the period 15th March to 31st May, 2007 and thereafter on monthly basis upto 31st December, 2007. The order is not applicable to purchases made for the Central Pool.

Farmers dues on sugar mills in U.P.

†2778. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of dues of farmers on all sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, as on 28th February, 2006;

(b) the payment made to the farmers by these sugar mills against their dues till 15th March, 2007;

(c) the total sugarcane arrears of farmers at present;

(d) the estimated production of sugar in lakh tonnes during the current crushing season; and

(e) the break-up of arrears of the farmers for sugarcane on Government sugar mills, cooperative sugar mills and private sugar mills till 15th March, 2007, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH):

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.